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UNITED STATES DISTRICT	COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF N	EW YORK

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SHIP CONCEPTS LTD.,

07 Civ.

Plaintiff,

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

-against-

KLOUBERG SHIPPING LINE S.A.,

Defendant.	
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Plaintiff, SHIP CONCEPTS LTD. ("Plaintiff"), by its attorneys, Brown Gavalas & Fromm LLP, as and for its Verified Complaint against defendant KLOUBERG SHIPPING LINE, S.A. ("Defendant"), alleges upon information and belief as follows:

- 1. This is a case of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction, as hereinafter more fully appears, and is an admiralty or maritime claim within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1333.
- 2. At all material times, Plaintiff was and now is a foreign corporation with an office and place of business at LOB 15-117, P.O. Box 17870, Jebel Ali Free Zone, United Arab Emirates.
- 3. Upon information and belief, at all material times, Defendant was and still is a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, with an office and place of business at 163 Alkiviado St., Piraeus,

Greece.

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- 4. At all material times, Plaintiff was the disponent owner of the motor vessel AL HURREYA (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "the Vessel").
- 5. On or about June 4, 2007, Plaintiff, as disponent owner, and Defendant, as charterer, entered into a Liner Booking Note Agreement whereby Plaintiff agreed to let and Defendant agreed to hire the Vessel for a one-time voyage for the transport of bagged cocoa beans, under certain terms and conditions, from San Pedro, Ivory Coast to Istanbul, Turkey, ("Booking Note Agreement").
- 6. Under the terms of the Booking Note Agreement, Plaintiff was entitled to receive demurrage in the amount of \$9,500 for each day, or portion thereof, that Defendant, as charterer, exceeded the time allowed for loading and discharging the cargo of bagged cocoa beans.
- 7. On July 28, 2007, the Vessel arrived at the port of Istanbul incurring total discharge port demurrage of \$80,432.18. No part of this demurrage has been paid, despite due demand therefore.
- 8. Under the terms of the Booking Note Agreement, all disputes between the parties are to be decided by arbitration in London, pursuant to English law. Plaintiff is currently taking steps to commence arbitration proceedings in London.
- 9. This action is in aid of said London arbitration proceedings in accordance with 9 U.S.C. § 8. Plaintiff seeks to obtain adequate security to satisfy a potential London arbitration award in Plaintiff's favor.
- 10. In addition to recovering the principal amount due Plaintiff pursuant to the Booking Note Agreement, Plaintiff also fully anticipates recovering interest, costs and

attorneys' fees, which are routinely awarded to the prevailing party in London arbitration proceedings. As best as can now be estimated, Plaintiff expects to recover the following amounts in the London arbitration:

a.	On the principal claim	\$80,432.18
b.	3 years of interest at 6% per annum, compounded quarterly	\$15,734.00
c.	Costs (arbitrators' fees, attorneys' fees etc.)	\$50,000.00
	TOTAL	\$146,166.18

11. Upon information and belief, Defendant cannot be found within the District, within the meaning of Supplemental Rule B of the Federal Rules Civil Procedure, but is believed to have or will have during the pendency of this action assets within this District, specifically including cash, funds, freight, hire, accounts and other property, in the hands of garnishees in the District including, but not limited to, American Express Bank, Ltd.; ABN-AMRO Bank; Standard Chartered PLC; Bank of America; BNP New York; HSBC Bank; Bank of New York; J.P. Morgan Chase; Deutsche Bank; Citibank; Bank of China; and, Wachovia Bank, which are believed to be due and owing to the Defendant.

Plaintiff prays:

- A. That process in due form of law according to the practice of this Court in admiralty and maritime jurisdiction issue against the Defendant, citing it to appear and answer under oath all and singular the matters alleged in the Verified Complaint;
- B. That since the Defendant cannot be found within this District pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, this Court issue an Order directing the Clerk of the Court to issue Process of Attachment and Garnishment,

pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Admiralty Rules and the United States Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 1 and 8, attaching all cash, goods, chattels, letters of credit, bills of lading, effects, debts and monies, tangible or intangible, or any other funds held by any garnishee, including American Express Bank, Ltd.; ABN-AMRO Bank; Standard Chartered PLC; Bank of America; BNP New York; HSBC Bank; Bank of New York; J.P. Morgan Chase; Deutsche Bank; Citibank; Bank of China; and, Wachovia Bank, which are due and owing to the Defendant, in the amount of \$146,166.18, and that all persons claiming any interest in the same be cited to appear and pursuant to Supplemental Admiralty Rule B, answer the matters alleged;

- C. That this action be stayed and this Court retain jurisdiction over this matter through the entry of any judgment or award, and any appeals thereof; and
- D. That Plaintiff have such other, further and different relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York November 26, 2007

BROWN GAVALAS & FROMM LLP

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK) : ss.
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

PETER SKOUFALOS, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. I am a member of the bar of this Honorable Court and of the firm of Brown Gavalas & Fromm LLP, attorneys for Plaintiff.
- 2. I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint and I believe the contents thereof are true.
- 3. The reason this Verification is made by deponent and not by Plaintiff is that Plaintiff is a foreign corporation, no officer or director of which is within this jurisdiction.
- 4. The sources of my information and belief are documents provided to me and statements made to me by representatives of the Plaintiff.

PETER SKOUFALOS

Sworn to before me this 26th day of November 2007

Notary Public

DONALD P. BLYDENBURGH
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01BL6065999
Qualified in Suffolk County
Term Expires March 16, 20